

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CONVENTION CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 25, 2011**

**A meeting of the Convention Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on January 25, 2011, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Dale Venturini, Dave Duffy, Jeff Hirsh, Paul MacDonald, Jason Fowler, Bernie Buonanno and Letitia Carter.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Betty Sullivan and Kim Keough, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Arleen Oliva, Deb Tuton, Nancy Beauchamp, Amanda Marzullo and Melissa Masunic, RICC; Martha Sheridan, PWCVB; Cheryl Cohen, and Jodi Duclos, DDC; Steve Habi, VMA; Bruce Leach, Legal Council and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.**

**Mr. Duffy announced that the Board meeting scheduled for Thursday would be cancelled due to the predicted snow storm. Mr. Duffy, noting that a majority of the Board was present, asked that the minutes of the December Board meeting, which were distributed, be approved in an effort to have them posted to the Secretary of State's**

**web site in a timely manner. Mr. Duffy entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Carter it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the December Board meeting**

**Mr. Hirsh asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December Convention Center Committee meeting.**

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Fowler it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the December meeting**

**Mr. Hirsh recognized Mr. Muldoon who reported that the numbers for December were better than expected due in part to last minute events. Mr. Muldoon noted that the New Year's Eve Gala was successful and the promoter is looking to hold more events in the future. Mr. Muldoon stated that he sees some positive signs that attendance is picking up which bodes well for the upcoming public show season.**

**Mr. Muldoon reported that CAL Restoration has been monitoring the weather closely to find a window of opportunity to work on caulking the rotunda windows. Since we have had lots of weather related issues CAL Restoration has not had an opportunity to address the problems. Mr. Muldoon said that they will continue to monitor the**

situation. Mr. Muldoon said that the remaining repairs to the façade and the loading dock will happen in the spring. Mr. Muldoon noted that a kick-off meeting for the ballroom airwalls with Gilbane went well and the project is scheduled to be completed over the summer months. Mr. Duffy inquired about renovations to the rotunda. Mr. Muldoon responded that he would be meeting with Trinkle Designs next week.

Mr. Duffy asked if there have been any issues with the Westin Hotel. Mr. Muldoon said that he hadn't heard of any. Mr. Hirsh asked the status of the contract. Mr. MacDonald said that the contract has not been settled but there has been some movement. Mr. Lepore noted that there was an informational picket line set up while the Jests were here.

Mr. Duffy asked Mr. McCarvill to bring the Committee up to date on the VMA. Mr. McCarvill stated that although the VMAF has been very active in designing a logo and in looking to promote events at the Theater they have no authority over the building itself. Mr. McCarvill said that we appreciate their efforts and we will continue to work with them to bring the theater back to life. Mr. McCarvill explained the issues regarding Park Street. He said that Mr. Leach and our consultants are working to get plans approved and obtain a variance to deal with the street. Mr. Hirsh asked who will have the final say. Mr. McCarvill said that the City owns the street and we will need an easement from them. Mr. McCarvill stated that everyone that has

viewed the plans likes the concept and are willing to work together to see that it gets done. Mr. Leach said that the landscape architect is working on a plan that should be acceptable to the Capitol Center Commission, the City and the State. Mr. Duffy asked Mr. Leach to keep on top of it so that we can begin renovations immediately after graduations. Mr. McCarvill said that he will be attending a meeting of the Capitol Center Commission next week and that representatives from the City will be in attendance. He noted that the issue is complicated by the fact that we don't own the building.

Mr. Hirsh asked if there was any new business. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously

**VOTED: to adjourn at 2:30 PM**